



Benton County

WIC Facts: FFY 2004

Infants Born Served by WIC

County.....57.0%
Statewide..... 48.6%

Women, Infants and Children Served

Total: 5,934

Infants and
children under 5..... 4,276

Pregnant,
breastfeeding and
postpartum women.....1,658

WIC Food Dollar Contribution to Local Economy

WIC Program Food Dollars
\$1,871,061

WIC Farmers Market
Nutrition Program
Food Dollars
\$3,334

WIC Families

Working families.....66.2%
WIC households with at least one working family member

Families living in poverty..... 68.9%
Percent of WIC clients with income at or below the federal
poverty level (\$1,307 per month for a family of 3)

WIC Nutrition Education Promotes Healthy Choices

Total nutrition education sessions..... 12,130

WIC nutrition education:

- Emphasizes healthy lifestyle habits so families can eat better and stay active now to prevent obesity and other chronic diseases later in life.
- Promotes breastfeeding for the first year of life. And, with the breast pump loan program, helps mothers continue to breastfeed after returning to work or school.
- Helps prevent early childhood caries by screening for early signs of poor oral health, giving parents ideas for healthy snacks and stressing the importance of dental care by age one.



WIC Attracts Families to Preventive Health Services

WIC referrals..... 23,782

WIC informs families about health related services and provides them with the information and support needed to access them successfully.

* Maternity Support Services

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WIC Agencies and Sites

Benton-Franklin Health District

Richland
Kennewick

WIC Authorized Grocery Stores

Albertsons

Fred Meyer

Food Pavilion

Kennewick Red Apple

Ki-Be Market

Perry's Finley Shopper

Food Depot

Safeway

Wal-Mart Supercenter

WinCo

Yoke's Fresh Market

WIC Authorized Farmers Markets

Prosser Farmers Market